

STEPS FOR ADVOCATING

1. Frame the argument appropriately
Define the issue from its civil liberties perspective, not some broader social issue. E.g., if the issue is unconstitutional detention of undocumented immigrants, don't get into amnesty or border protection issues.
2. Give a scenario to support your point
Describe the abuse that is occurring. If possible, use a specific example.
3. First focus on upholding the Constitution
Explain how this unconstitutional action is undermining the Constitution, relate it to the Bill of Rights.
4. Second focus on the negative effects of the civil liberties abuse
Describe what can happen if this abuse of civil liberties is allowed to continue, how it could spread to affect others.